Killings by Illegal Organisations in Assam

1622. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for allowing illegal organisations, known as secret killers, in Assam, to take up arms to intimidate public at random, when unified command is there to control insurgency, stating the number of persons killed by them in 1998;

(b) what are the reasons for paying only about Rs. 79 crores as against the demand of Rs. 550 crores by Assam Government for security related expenditures in the State; and

(c) whether the remaining amount would be paid in the current year; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No organisation in Assam has been allowed to take up arms for any uniawful activity.

(b) and (c) Reimbursement of SRE is only for selected items notified in the guidelines approved by Government of India. Rs. 78.86 crores out of the total claim of Rs. 245.18 crores made by the State Government for the period 1995-96 to 1997-98 have been paid to the Government of Assam. Additional amount, if any, due as per the approved guidelines would paid during 1999-2000.

Census of Christians in Gujarat

1623. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government has ordered the police authorities to carry out separate census of only Christians in Gujarat, district-wise and village-wise;

(b) whether the census on one community was undertaken at the instance of Election Commission or Government of India;

(c) if so, the details of instructions issued for such discriminatory census; and

(d) if not, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken by Central Government against such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) No, Sir.

The national census is due to be undertaken all over the country in February 2001. It is, therefore, premature to conduct any census at this stage.

However, the Government of Gujarat has informed that the State Police issued instructions for collection of certain information of routine nature regarding some communities from the point of view of maintenance of law & order and communal harmoney. The State Police subsequently directed all concerned officers that all actions in this regard should be stopped immediately and no further action should be taken. It may also be mentioned that this matter is pending before Gujarat High Court and is sub-judice.

Atrocities on SCs/STs Minority

1624. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by Government with regard to atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Minority, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the number of persons arrested and punished, out of persons committing such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) No survey relating to atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and minorities has been conducted by the Ministry of Home Affairs or Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during the last three years;

Available information in regard to incidence of crime against SCs/STs during the years 1996 1997 and 1998 is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below). The information relating to number of persons arrested and convicted for committing crimes against SCs/STs under the PCR Act and the SC/ST (POA) Act during the years 1996 and 1997 is given below: